challenging the delimitation exercise on various grounds including *inter alia* that it would threaten the ethnic structure of political representation in North-Eastern States and some other States as well.

Share of Punjab in education cess

*106. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance, out of the educational cess, given to Punjab during 2005-06, 2006-07 and that earmarked for 2007-08, for various educational schemes, scheme-wise and year-wise; and

(b) whether the State has given its share so as to fully utilize the Central assistance, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The proeeeds of Education Cess, credited into a non-lapsable fund called Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) are utilised exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid–Day Meal (MDM) scheme. Expenditure on SSA and MDM is incurred from PSK after funds provided by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are fully utilised. No allocation is made separately to States against the Education Cess. Assistance under PSK is released to States as per the schematic pattern and budgetary allocations for SSA and MDM.

The break-up of Central assistance and State share for Punjab under SSA and MDM schemes is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	SSA		MDM	
	GoI Releases	State Share	GoI Releases	State Contribution
2005-06	146.83	48.94	17.74	No minimum mandatory State share
2006-07	128.79	26.27	62.25	14.00
2007-08	35.00 (upto 1.7.07)	-	29.41 (upto 16.8.07)	17.97

Fast Track Courts for pending cases

*107. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending in the courts in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to start new Fast Track Courts for the clearance of pending cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): The statements indicating the pendency of cases in the Supreme Court, various High Courts and in the District and, Subordinate Courts of States are enclosed as Statement-I and Statement-II respectively (*See* below).

(b) There is no proposal, at present, with the Government for constituting more Fast Track Courts.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Pendency of cases in various Courts

SUPREME COURT (as on 31.3.07): 41,581

HIGH COURTS:

Sl. No	Name of the High Court	Total (as on 31.12.06)
1	Allahabad	815170
2	A.P.	150263
3	Bombay	362950
4	Calcutta	268358
5	Chhattisgarh	85623
6	Delhi	82801
7	Gujarat	114511
8	Guahati	59137
9	Himachal Pradesh	26362
10	Jammu and Kashmir	43302
11	Jharkhand	47613
12	Karnataka	93634
13	Kerala	117549
14	Madras	406958
15	Madhya Pradesh	183785
16	Orissa	222052
17	Patna	96224
18	Punjab and Haryana	242268
19	Rajasthan	208095
20	Sikkim	51
21	Uttaranchal	28147
	TOTAL:	3654853

Statement-II

Cases Pending in District and Subordinate Courts:

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs.	Total pendency as on 31.12.06.
1	Andhra Pradesh	946395
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5370
3	Assam	185980
4	Bihar	1309688
5	Chhattisgarh	277108
6	Goa (as on 31.12.05)	34315
7	Gujarat	2888467
8	Haryana	524975
9	HP	152817
10	J & K	148350
11	Jharkhand	274089
12	Karnataka	1075819
13	Kerala	913316
14	M.P.	985457
15	Maharashtra	4148019
16	Manipur	6502
17	Meghalaya	10843
18	Mizoram	4863
19	Nagaland	3749
20	Orissa	992437
21	Punjab	.566464
22	Rajasthan	1075679
23	Sikkim	693
24	Tamil Nadu	856809
25	Tripura	32845
26	Uttar Pradesh	4704300
27	Uttaranchal	130769
28	West Bengal & A & N Island	2067311
29	Chandigarh	93087
30	D & N Haveli (as on 30.6.04)	3007
31	Daman & Diu (as on 30.6.04)	1612
32	Delhi	676619
33	Lakshadweep	277108
34	Puducherry	20798
	TOTAL:	25395660